


MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI 27 July
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Attached arrived Friday evening and will get to
DCI through Cormack on Monday morning.

~~Thought~~ ^{Knew} you would want to see on Saturday with
an eye toward getting the ball rolling over the
weekend --even though there is no deadline stated.



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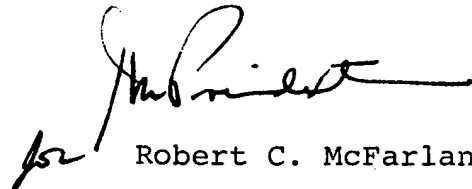
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Soviets and Lebanon (U)

Recent reports suggest that the visits of Lebanese Ministers, Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri to Moscow may have prompted the Soviets to reassess their policy and objectives toward Lebanon. In the wake of the Israeli election and the closure of the Israeli Liaison office in Beirut, prospects for progress on a negotiated Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon seem bleak. In short, we may soon have to contend with a Soviet initiative toward Lebanon, perhaps in the UN. (S)

In light of the above, it would be most useful if we could have a brief intelligence assessment of Soviet objectives in Lebanon. It would also be useful if the assessment would examine where Syrian and Soviet objectives may diverge and likely Syrian reactions to a more active Soviet role in Lebanon. (S)


for Robert C. McFarlane

cc: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

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